DEMAND XX—FISHERIES.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 2,56,429 under Demand XX—Fisheries.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXI—INDUSTERIES INCLUDING RUBBER FACTORY.

Mr. E. I. Chacko: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 1,15,182 under Demand XXI—Industries including Rubber Factory.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I support the demand. It is encouraging to find that the Director is heart and soul in the matter and doing his best to encourage further industries. All the same I have to state that an important industry has escaped his attention. Among the industries mentioned in the Report come the Ceramic Factory, the Plywood Factory, the Punalur Paper Mills, the Travancore Rubber Works, the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, etc. I do not know how the most important match factory escaped his attention. A match factory was established at Mudiyal under the name of the "Malabar Match Factory." A large number of citizens from Trivandrum became shareholders of that factory and it was being conducted under the management of Peirce Leslie & Co. Since the establishment charges grew heavy it could not be continued further. Later on it was purchased by A. V. Thomas & Co. of Alleppey and till the middle of 1118 there appears to have been some match manufactured by that company. By the middle of 1118 it was purchased by another company, The Vanchinad Match Manufacturing Company who are conducting it very successfully. It can be seen by a reference to the budget that the amount budgeted for the year 1119 under match duty was only Rs. 50,000 but the actual receipts come to Rs. 3,50,000. It was the Vanchinad Match factory that contributed that amount by way of duty. That factory worked very efficiently and it was gratifying to find that it maintains more than 300 families, of Travancoreans, men, women and children all living close by, by giving them all sorts of amenities besides having a canteen of their own to look to their needs. That such an enterprising factory should escape attention is not very satisfactory. I understand also that they are able to work two shifts per diem and producing 4,000 gross matches for a day. That quantity will be sufficient for the consumption of the whole of Travancore if we take one match per head per diem as the normal quantity. Although their demand may have increased now, by giving proper

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